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THE SECOND ATTACK ON BEEF TRUST

The National Packing Co. Made Chief Subject of Attack.

A FIGHT TO THE FINIS.

The "Great Barons" of the "Meat Trust" United on the Theory That the Only Way to Solve the High Price Problem Is to Increase Production.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—With the eyes of an aroused people on them, the "great barons" of the "meat trust" are being placed on the defensive today by the opening of the second government attack upon the alleged monopoly.

Evidence believed to warrant criminal procedure against the trust is ready to be laid before the federal grand jury here at its meeting this afternoon.

Thirty subpoenas for witnesses to appear before the inquisitors are in the hands of federal deputy marshals who are serving the papers today.

United States District Attorney Sims, leading the government's attack, will begin his arraignment of the packers, and his chief assistant, James Wilson, will conduct the examination in the grand jury room.

The National Packing Company has been selected as the chief ob-

ject of attack. A great number of witnesses summoned today are officials and employees of that concern.

Sims is armed with data secured by government officials who have been working more or less secretly in securing it.

It is estimated that Sims will not attempt to secure the indictment of individual packers but will probably attempt to indict them collectively. It is also said that Sims will submit evidence upon which he hopes for the indictment of the National Packing Company as a corporation and of directors in other meat companies believed to be allied with the National Packing Company.

That the packers will refuse to testify before the grand jury is inferred by the refusal absolutely to discuss the investigation and by the action of their attorneys not only in declining to talk upon the subject, also in counselling the packers' "counsel."

The government attorney reportedly connected with the "trust" is here, and the packers will present a formidable array of legal force in the forthcoming struggle. In order to meet this, prosecutor Sims has engaged R. W. Medaris as special federal counsel to assist him.

Hope of relief from high prices of meats through action against the packers, was somewhat mitigated by the statements of J. Ogden Armour, who, although refusing to discuss the grand jury investigation, commented freely on the high meat problem.

"You can eliminate the big packers from the situation, but the high prices will remain," said Armour. "Prices are high because the laws of nature cannot be changed. Increase production and prices will fall."

Armour declared that the present state of the market did not suit the packers; that they preferred lower prices for the reason that they then could sell more meat.

Thanks Friends—Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Acheson wish to thank their many friends, members of Woodmen of the World, Silver Bell Circle, and American Yocemen for their great kindness on the occasion of the death and burial of their son, Carleton Eugene.

NATIONAL WATERWAY COMMISSION

Preliminary Report Presented to Congress Today—Outlines Policy.

WATER POWER SITUATION

Declare Against the Stifling of Water Transportation by Railroads Through Reduced Rates and the Purchase of Competing Water Routes.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Washington, Jan. 24.—The first definite outlining of the government policy to be followed in the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the United States was indicated today when the National Waterways Commission, created March 3 of last year, presented its preliminary report to congress. With the report is a discussion of the policy the commission recommends for dealing with the water power situation, and it is understood to express the latest views of the administration on this mooted question, a position somewhat different from that taken by President Taft in his conservation message. A severe denunciation of the stifling of water transportation by railroads through reduced rates and the purchase of competing water routes is made by the commission. To the plea that the improvement of waterways reduces rates by rail, even if the waterways are not used, the commission says:

"The commission, while fully recognizing this fact, cannot endorse it as a desirable policy. It rests in the first place upon the transparent fallacy that the railroads constitute an entrenched and uncontrollable monopoly, which cannot be reached by legislation of other orderly and legal methods."

As a remedy for this condition, the commission recommends that when a railroad rate is once reduced to meet water competition, it cannot be raised until, after a hearing by the Interstate Commerce Commission, it should be found that the proposed new rate rests on changed conditions, other than the elimination of water competition.

The proposition to give the Interstate Commerce Commission the power to fix minimum rates below which the railroad cannot go was condemned by the commission, but the majority of the commission recom-

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NO MEAT FOR US ON ITS LAST LEG

Convention of International Amalgamation of Peripatetic Paupers in Session.

MILLIONAIRE TRAMP THERE

Box Car Artists from all Over the Country in Attendance—Police Department to Be Resolved Against as "Combinations."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Chicago, Jan. 24.—"No meat for us," is the motto of the International Amalgamation of Peripatetic Paupers, who have gathered here today for a week's convention. Scores of delegates have motored here on the trucks of private cars, and many leading hoboes of the country are in attendance.

The first day of the convention was taken up in the purely routine manner of getting various delegates out of the county jail and the city prisons in which they have been confined because of paralysis of the "labor" portion of the brain.

An executive committee meeting was called last night by J. Eads How, "the millionaire tramp," of St. Louis, chairman of the convention. The committeemen were just beginning their work when an unfortunate announcement of "coffee and sandwiches" caused a precipitate rush for the lunch counter.

It is said that among the matters to come before the meeting will be a resolution denouncing police departments of the country as "combinations" in restraint of their trade. A movement for the abolition of free lunch counters also will be denounced.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HOMELESS

Dozens of Villages Flooded by Breaking of Dyke at Kaone au Doubs.

THE SUFFERING IS INTENSE

Scores of Persons in the Submerged Region on the Roofs of Their Homes, Where They Are Suffering From Exposure and Fright—Provision Supply Running Low.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Paris, Jan. 24.—Two persons reported to have been drowned and a dozen villages flooded this evening by the breaking of the dyke at Saone au Doubs. The worst is reported from Chalons where the deaths occurred.

Scores of persons in the submerged region were driven to the roofs of their homes where they are suffering from exposure and fright. Rescue parties have been organized and probably will work all night carrying victims to places of safety.

The Seine today is ten inches above its previous highest water mark, reached in 1876. The volume of water it is carrying is much greater than in that year, in view of the fact that the channel has been deepened an additional 11 feet within the last 20 years.

The retaining walls along the banks are in serious danger of collapse. In many places they have been undermined, and several caverns already have resulted.

Portions of the street fronting the Chamber of Deputies collapsed today, barring traffic from the thoroughfare. The basement of the great building was flooded.

Place St. Michael and the underground station of the Orleans railway were partly filled with water shortly before noon. The barricaded windows of the station crashed in beneath the flood, and a muddy deluge seethed into the tunnel.

The city's great railroad system Gare d'Orsa, was abandoned when the authorities decided that further occupancy would be dangerous.

The morgue, one of the historic buildings of the city, made famous by writers of many nationalities, is in danger of collapse.

Fearing that the street under which the Orleans tunnel would cave in, the police today ordered it block-

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PROSECUTION EXPECTED TO CLOSE ITS CASE SOME TIME TOMORROW.

THE JUDGE FAVORS HENEY

With the Closing of the Evidence of the Prosecution the Court Will Take a Rest in Order to Give Defense Time to Shape Up Its Evidence.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Portland, Ore. Jan. 24.—Prosecutor Heney is on the last leg of his presentation of the government's case against Binger Hermann, ex-commissioner of the general land office, now on trial in the United States court before Judge Wolverton.

All during the morning session Heney has been reading the letters written by J. A. Zabreskie, an attorney of Tucson, Ariz., who wrote the commission in 1902, telling the actions of the Hyde-Benson ring in securing school land in California and Oregon through the creation of forest reserves. The letters of Zabreskie, the replies of Hermann, the letters of J. H. Snyder, Zabreskie's informant and a former employe of Hyde, the report of Special Agent Holsinger, who saw Zabreskie and Snyder, all were read before the jury, over the strenuous objections of Col. Worthington.

All of Saturday was taken up in an argument between the attorneys over the admission of the evidence. Judge Wolverton held that it could be introduced to show that Her-

mann had been informed of the workings of the Hyde-Benson combine and that he approved of the Blue Mountain withdrawals at about the same time this information had been given to him.

This morning Worthington renewed his objections, contending that Heney was going too far in his claims for the evidence. Judge Wolverton held with Heney.

It is the expectation of the government through the evidence that is going on that Hermann had a full knowledge of the way in which forest reserves were being created for the benefit of school land speculators and that in the face of this knowledge he favored the Mays-Jones creation of the Blue Mountain reserve.

This in addition to other evidence, which is expected to bring the actions of Hermann still closer to the Blue Mountain reserve, will close the government's case and open the way for the defense. It is believed that Mr. Heney will be able to close the prosecution's evidence tomorrow perhaps by noon. If that should prove true the court will rest for half a day in order that the defense may shape up its evidence for presentation and map out its case. It is not believed that Col. Worthington will require an extended time to get his evidence before the jury. It is not known yet whether Hermann will take the stand, though it is believed that he will do so, in which case his examination by Heney may be long.

School Board Buys Property—

A deal whereby the school board acquired another half block of land adjacent to the new school site was closed Saturday, and the site for the proposed new building consists of one whole block. The last half was sold to the board for \$2100.

LIGHTS TURNED ON SOON

Everything Will Be in Readiness by End of the Week.

Although final reports have not been submitted by the various committees appointed by the Board of Trade and Business Men's League, of the progress being made towards securing funds with which to light Salem streets with streamer lights, it has been assured that the transformers will be connected up again and the lights turned on within a few days now.

The committees, W. H. Meyers, Watt Shipp and M. O. Buren; F. N. Derby, Will McGilchrist and C. H. Hinges; Geo. Waters, H. H. Ollinger and H. D. Patton, have been working hard for the past few days and there remains but a few more merchants and other city people to solicit. The only opposition met with thus far, is that many desire to wait and learn what the result will be of the recent cluster lighting system advocated by a few of the business men. Others, however, are highly in favor of maintaining the streamer system and many suggestions have been made to continue the present plan until something better is assured and have the city illuminated while waiting for cluster lights.

The committees report that the majority of the business men respond loyally to the cause and wish the streamers lighted at the nearest possible date. A small number of names is yet desired before the Board of Trade wish to sign up the contract with the Portland Railway Light & Power Company, and it is hoped, that by next Wednesday, the streets will be again illuminated. The streamers are all in place and to connect the transformers requires but an hour or two.

CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION

The equity department of the circuit court, presided over by Judge Galloway, convened today. The afternoon was consumed in the setting of cases, and hearing of preliminary pleas, and no trial cases will probably be heard until tomorrow afternoon or the next day. The calendar for the term is heavy, consisting of 81 cases, but some of these will be continued over, some will be dismissed and a few settled out of court, and the session will probably not longer than usual. Out of the total number of cases there are 31 divorce cases to be heard.

JAPANESE MINISTRY THREATENED

Korean Assassins in Tokio With Sworn Purpose of Wiping Out.

FIVE ARE ON THE LIST

Prince Tamagata, Premier Katsura, General Sone and General Hasegawa Are the Doomed Ones—Police Force Has Been Doubled.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Tokio, Jan. 24.—Double police activity was ordered today following the receipt of news that five Korean assassins have arrived in Tokio with the sworn purpose of murdering Prince Yamagata, Premier Katsura, Foreign Minister Komura, Resident General Sone and General Hasegawa.

Each assassin has been assigned a victim and the government is convinced that the wholesale assassination has been planned as a grand coup by the Korean revolutionary society.

A large body of special detectives was set to work today to trace the Koreans and the marked men have been surrounded by guards. They will be protected, and will go about today only under heavy guard, until the supposed assassins have been run down.

The plot was exposed through a confession obtained from a member of the revolutionary party in Seoul, Korea, and is considered by the government to demand the most prompt measures on the part of the officials.

At a secret meeting of the revolutionists at which the assassination of Prince Ito was celebrated as a great victory for the Koreans, the great plot was formed.

There were many volunteers to undertake to accomplish it, and many were drawn and the men selected after the fashion of European anarchists. Each man, the confessor stated, swore to give up his life in order to carry out his purpose.

It has been learned that the five men succeeded in entering this city and are now in hiding awaiting their opportunity to strike. The fact that their own lives have been forfeited in advance and that danger of death is nothing to them, adds intensely to the situation.

Every possible effort is being made to trace them but making the matter public undoubtedly has put the assassins on their guard.

The government officials today fear that the assassins will postpone action and simply remain in hiding until the present excitement passes over if they can avoid arrest. This phase of the case, added to the fact that other assassins, it is said, are ready to replace any of the five who may be captured, makes it all the more serious as it places the high officials of the government in permanent danger of being murdered.

The campaign of assassination is the outgrowth of the struggle of Korea to free herself of Japanese domination. The recent agitation of a plan of annexation for Korea has aroused new bitterness. The heavy blow dealt Japan in the murder of Prince Ito has encouraged the Korean rebels, who are exalted by the belief that they are fighting the battle of patriotism and are laying down their lives for the freedom of their country.

IN JUSTICE COURT

The preliminary hearing in the case of State of Oregon against John T. Schuylerman will be heard tomorrow morning before Justice of the Peace Webster. The charge in this case is that of criminal libel and the complaining witness is Fred Stewart. The two men, it seems represents two different wireless companies, and the offense is alleged to consist in the publication in the Portland Journal of an article, which was derogatory to the business of Fred Stewart. The state in the case will be represented by Deputy District Attorney Winslow.

Back on Run—

The Oregon City Transportation river steamer, Oregon, which was sunk on the lower Willamette several weeks ago as the result of running upon a sharp rock, is on the run again from Portland to Corvallis and performing her regular duties. The large hole made in the side of the craft, was repaired some time since, but much work was necessary before the interior of the boat could be put back in shape.

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